

## Demographics [1]

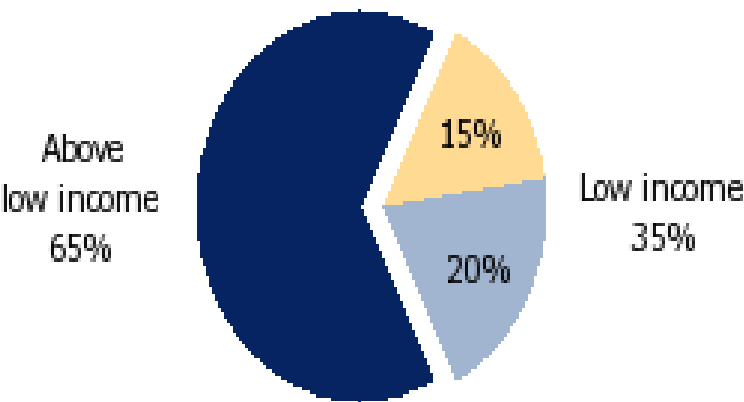
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### Number of Low-Income and Poor Children

In Washington, there are 823,953 families, with 1,453,349 children.

**Low-Income Children:** 35%  
(509,152) of children live in low-income families (National: 38%).

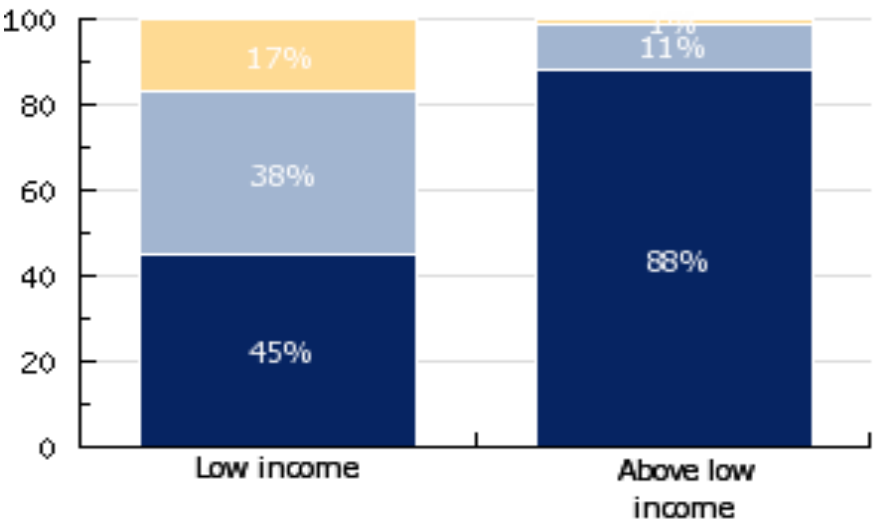
**Children in Poverty:** 15%  
(220,781) of children live in poor families (National: 17%).



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**In Washington, many children in low-income families have parents who are employed.**

- 45% (231,009) of children in low-income families have at least one parent who is employed full-time/year-round.
- 38% (192,086) of children in low-income families have at least one parent who is employed either part-year or part-time.
- Just 17% (86,057) of children in low-income families do not have an

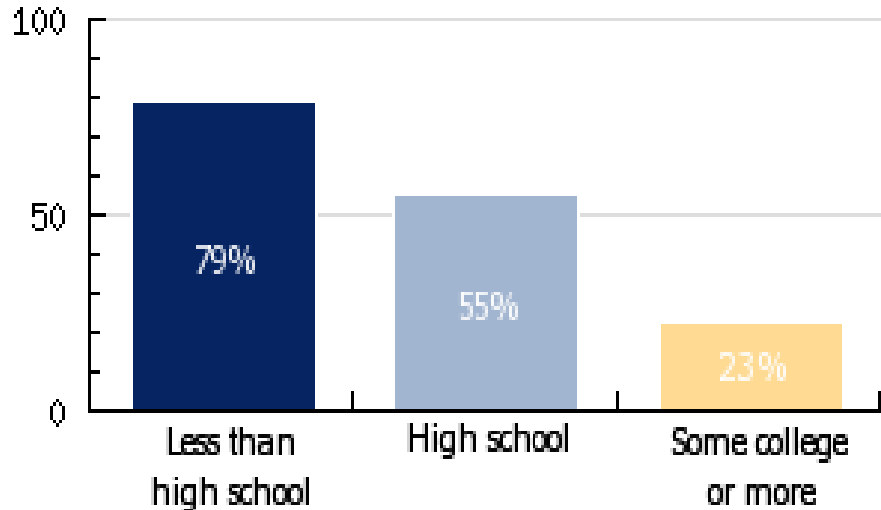


employed parent.

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**In Washington, children whose parents have low educational attainment are more likely to be low-income.**

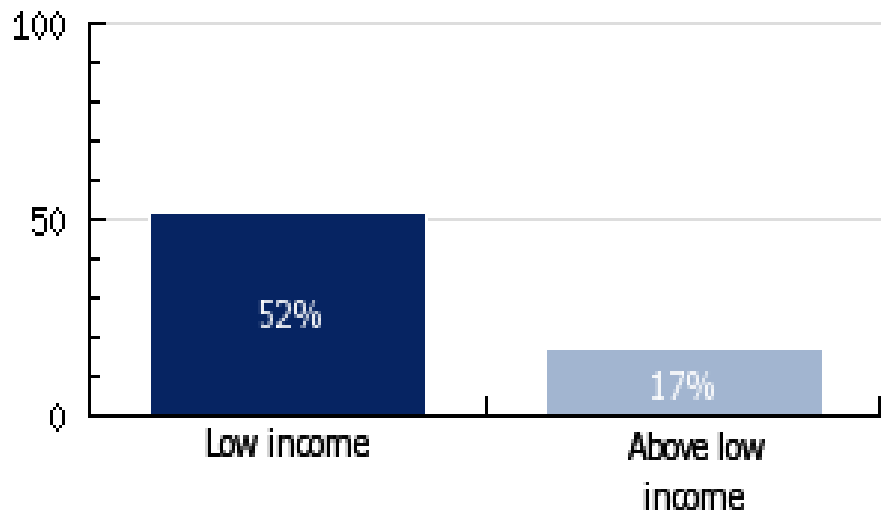
- 79% (112,177) of children whose parents do not have a high school degree live in low-income families.
- 55% (166,102) of children whose parents have a high school degree, but no college education live in low-income families.
- Only 23% (230,873) of children whose parents have at least some college education live in low-income families.



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**In Washington, children in low-income families are more likely to live with a single parent.**

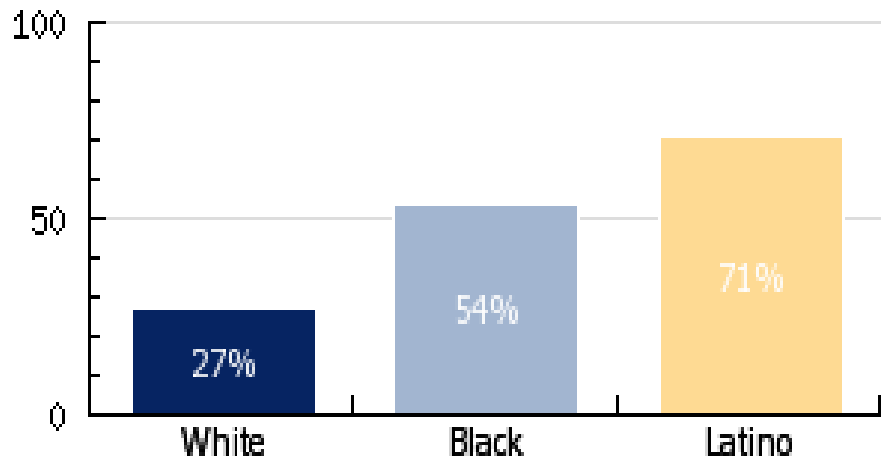
- 52% (264,726) of children in low-income families live with a single parent.
- 17% (157,190) of children in above low-income families live with a single parent.



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**In Washington, white children are less likely to live in low-income families.**

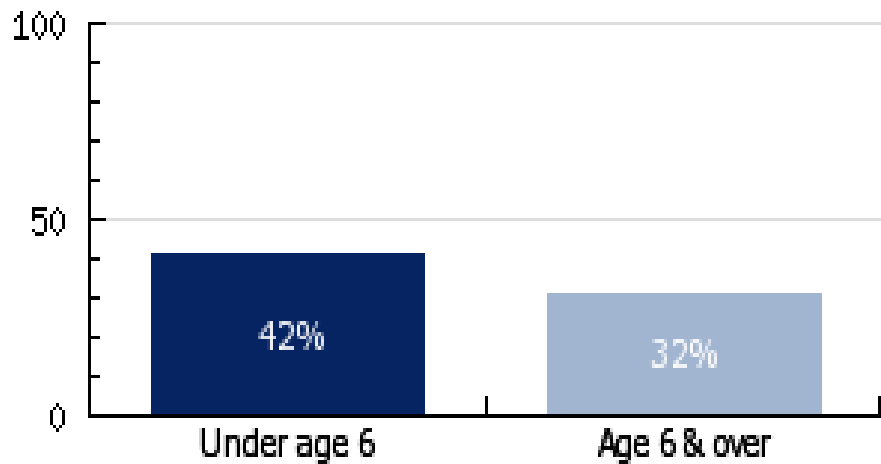
- 27% (297,007) of white children live in low-income families.
- 54% (37,360) of black children live in low-income families.
- 71% (100,471) of Latino children live in low-income families.



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**In Washington, young children are more likely to live in low-income families.**

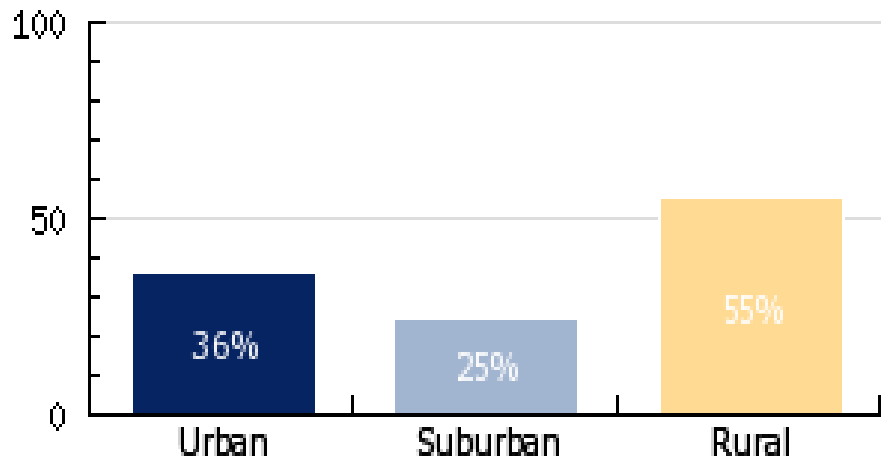
- 42% (191,887) of children under age 6 live in low-income families.
- 32% (317,265) of children age 6 or older live in low-income families.



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**In Washington, children in suburban areas are less likely to live in low-income families.**

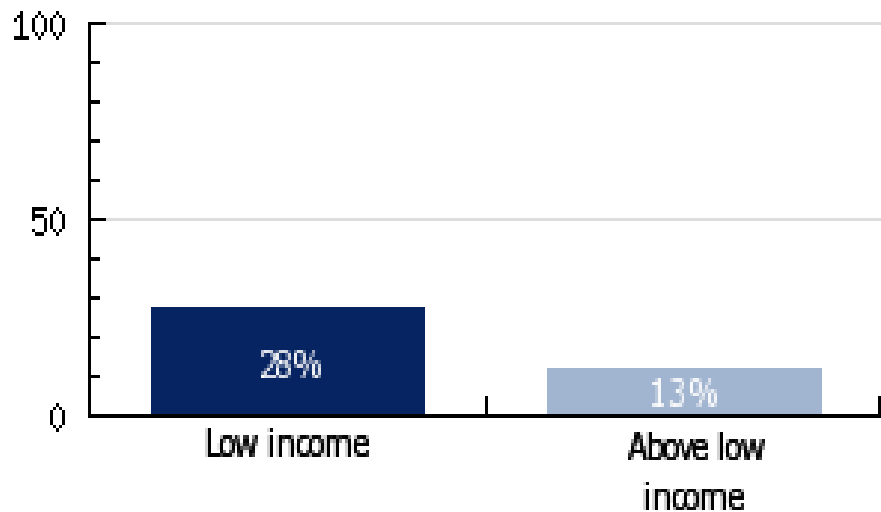
- 36% (88,667) of children in urban areas live in low-income families.
- 25% (157,690) of children in suburban areas live in low-income families.
- 55% (167,647) of children in rural areas live in low-income families.



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**In Washington, children in low-income families are more likely to have moved in the last year.**

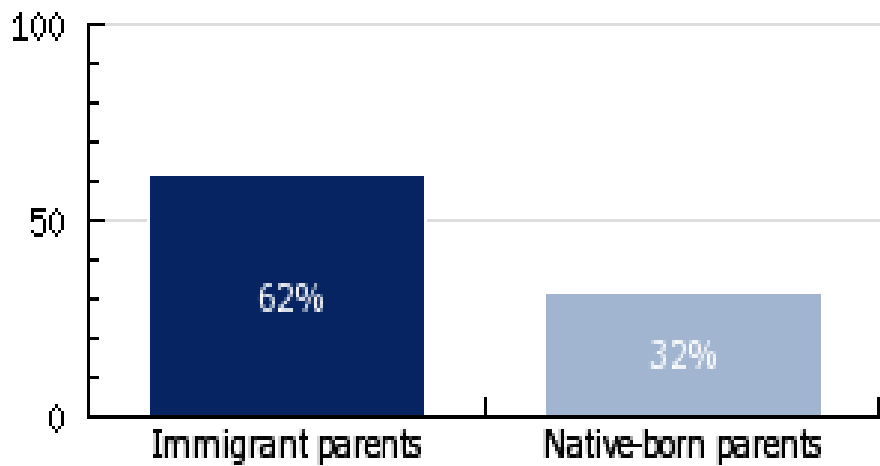
- 28% (144,946) of children in low-income families moved last year.
- 13% (122,063) of children in above low-income families moved last year.



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**In Washington, children of native-born parents are less likely to live in low-income families.**

- 62% (111,375) of children of immigrant parents live in low-income families.
- 32% (389,869) of children of native-born parents live in low-income families.



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## Definitions

**Poverty:** Income below the federal poverty level (FPL), currently \$18,850 per year for a family of four.  
**Low-income:** Income below 200 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL); currently \$37,700 per year for a family of four.

For definitions of other terms, please refer to [\[#3\]](#) Explanations of Terms and Data Sources.

These numbers are from the federal poverty guidelines issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The demographic findings on this page were calculated using a more complex version of the federal poverty measure—the thresholds issued by the U.S. Census Bureau. For more information about federal poverty measures, see [\[#4\]](#) The 2004 HHS Poverty Guidelines.

## Sources

1: State data were calculated from the Annual Social and Economic Supplement (the March supplement) of the Current Population Survey from 2002, 2003, and 2004, representing information from calendar years 2001, 2002, and 2003. NCCP averaged three years of data because of small sample sizes in less populated states. The national data were calculated from the 2004 data, representing information from calendar year 2003.

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